

Manchester Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 19th 2006
6:00—8:05PM

Location: City hall

Commissioner's Present: Mike Poisson (Chairman), Marty Gavin (Secretary), Tara Hurst, Todd Connors, Greg Sargent (Alt.)

Commissioners Absent: Jo Ann O'Shaughnessy (Treasurer), Kathleen Neville
Others present: Jane Beaulieu, Patt Mattson, Eric Skoglund, Luke Hurley (Gove), Frank Monteiro (MHF)

Submitted by: Marty Gavin

~ Next Meeting @ 6:00PM on Thursday, February 2nd 2006 ~

Agenda

I. Minutes of Previous meeting

Minutes from the January 5th meeting were accepted, and will be submitted by Mike Poisson. Pat Mattson has repeatedly asked to have the minutes on the City's website, which identifies her as the one who called Nault's Honda about the ATV traffic around the Cedar Swamp area changed. The call was actually made by Krista Helmbolt (Nature Conservancy). Marty said that he will talk to Art about this and ask him to update the minutes and make the proper corrections.

II. Treasures report

No report given. Marty asked if the \$20,000 requested for our 2006 budget had been Finalized yet. Mike said that it still has to be approved. Mike also said that West Environmental has been paid from our 2005 budget, and that they will not need any additional funding until the Prime Wetland Designation.

III. Old business

- **The Pointe at 55 Riverfront Drive:** We discussed the current situation at this location to bring the new Commissioners up to speed. Currently, the major areas of concern for us are the Conservation Easement and the Mitigation Proposal. The Commission is in agreement of accepting the Easement, with or without having our request granted of removing the language in the easement documents regarding dock installation. Jane asked if we would have to assume responsibility of the easement? Todd said that our responsibility would be to make sure that they do not violate the terms of the agreement. As far as the Mitigation Proposals, Marty sent a copy to NHDES and expects to hear back from them in a few weeks. Marty suggested that we add to the proposal, a point

requesting that they forego any future plans of dock installation. ***Todd made a motion to add to that document, that the Manchester Conservation Commission is opposed to any dock installation that will further degrade the area. Motion passed all in favor.***

- **All dogs gym:** Todd said that the files have returned to his office, and that he did find conservation easement drafts, correspondence, et cetera. He will have more information for our next meeting. This case is getting extremely old and we would like to close it as soon as possible. Eric suggested that we ask for some sort of payment plan for the \$6000.00 that is owed to us.

IV. New Business

- **Planning Board:** Todd mentioned that we used to receive Planning Board agendas, and that he would look into getting us back on track with this info as well as making the regional impact lists available to us.
- **Conservation Commission Appointments:** Tara Hurst was appointed as a Conservation Commissioner on December 6th 2005. Her term expires August 1st 2008. Gregory Sargent was appointed as an alternate on December 6th 2005. His term expires August 1st 2008. The Conservation Commission recommended Jane Beaulieu's appointment as a commissioner, filling the position vacated by Jen Drociak.
- **Gove Environmental:** Luke Hurley and Frank Monteiro presented plans to redevelop the lot on the intersection of Second St., Main, and Hale St. adding a car wash to the Exxon Mobile gas station, converting it into a Moblie On The Run. A minimum expedited permit was required for this project, because the total impact is only 400 sq. feet. Currently there isn't any storm water control, all the runoff flows directly to Second Street. They intend on controlling runoff by directing the flow towards catch basins that will be linked to a solid closed retention system (no recharge), as well as storm water separators, and an on site detention pond. In addition they intend on installing rip-rap to the plunge pool at the end of the pipe which drains off of Hale Street. This will be needed because of increased velocity, due to the installation of a larger pipe (30 inch). Eric Skoglund asked about plantings and their plans for a buffer zone. Luke said that they will retain as much of the existing buffer as possible, and that they will be planting Colorado Blue Spruce, Red Maples, and Day Lilly's among others. Eric also asked about the type of lighting because of how close they are to McQueston Pond. Luke said that they will be using shoe box style lighting, which will be attached to the buildings and will be pointed downward. Frank added that the dumpsters will be enclosed with a solid wall and will have a gated entrance. As for snow storage, Frank said that snow will be stored on site, and if they run out of room they will haul it off site. ***Todd Connors made a motion to sign off on this project. The motion passed, all in favor.***

- **Bass Island:** Jane Beaulieu said that the developer for the Wild Willy's project is no longer interested in purchasing the property, and that she is pursuing some additional funding for this purchase, with the Help of the Mayor's office. Unfortunately, the Black smith shop may have to be torn down.
- **Sierra Club:** Pat Mattson asked about the current state of the urban pond program. She said that there is some interest within the Sierra Club on getting involved with projects going on at Maxwell and Nutts pond. Mike Poisson said that CEI was doing the storm water work, and mentioned that are some improvements indicated on the City's master plan, such as the rails to trails, etc. Chuck Deprema will have updated plans for us soon.
- **Arts update:** Art is working on the Natural Resource section of the City's Master plan. Todd Connors said that the City has hired a full time employee for this project, which she will likely finish in about 18 months.
- **MCC:** We discussed filming certain relevant parts of our meetings, rather than the whole thing, due to a lack of content.

V. Mail

- 1/10/06: City of Manchester Planning and Community Development correspondence regarding the City's master plan.
- 1/09/06: NHDES request for more information, addressed to Lakeside manufacturing Home Park, Corning Rd. Manchester.